



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Clark County Mental Health Advisory Board Minutes August 25, 2004

Board Members: Judi Borchers, Bob Fizzell, Randall Kleinhesselink, Pat McConnaughey, Tom Stallone, Quan Tran, David Weniger, Kristin Murphy, Deb Wallace, Samara Gilroy-Hicks

Members Present: David Weniger, Samara Gilroy-Hicks, Bob Fizzell, Judi Borchers, Randall Kleinhesselink, Tom Stallone, Kristin Murphy

Staff Present: Midge Burmaster, Jerry Dolezal, Karyl Ramsey, Sela Barker, Tracy Stief

Members Excused: Pat McConnaughey, Quan Tran

Members Absent: Deb Wallace

Guests: Carol Gross (Mental Health Northwest), David Reed (Columbia River Mental Health Services), Patti Renfro (Catholic Community Services), Pat Beckett (Children's Center), Cheryl Ayers (Family Solutions), Barbara Allen (Children's Home Society), Joyce Garner (self), Karen Poulin (WSU Extension – 4-H Youth Development)

Agenda Item	DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION LEADERS	DECISIONS, ACTIONS, MOTIONS, ASSIGNMENTS
I. Meeting Minutes Approval	The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by David Weniger, Chair.	David Weniger	Minutes from the May 26 and July 28 meetings were approved as written.
II. A. Manager's Report	<p>Clark County RSN has been filling requests for data from the Mental Health Division and Legislative Task Force to assist them in looking at system-wide issues. In addition, a non-Medicaid Cost Report and PCG Report have been submitted.</p> <p>The Legislative Task Force will meet tomorrow at the SeaTac Hilton. Sela Barker will attend to participate on a panel on performance-based measure and Telesage. Please let Midge know if you are interested in attending this meeting. Income levels, characteristics and who we serve will also be discussed.</p> <p>A Steering Committee has been formed to prepare and develop materials for the Legislative Task Force. The committee meets by telephone, once per week, to prepare and develop information for the Legislative Task Force. This committee is</p>	Midge Burmaster	

	<p>comprised of two representatives each from the RSN, MHD, and Provider Counsel. This is an effort to present a unified front to the Task Force, recognizing individual differences while working together collaboratively.</p> <p>Midge is a member of another workgroup developed to look at Medicaid issues, specifically the seven conditions of the waiver, and develop some recommendations for the Community Reinvestment Fund. The workgroup is also looking at how the RSN's pay their provider networks to help determine how savings are managed.</p> <p>CMS will conduct a financial audit of the MHD in September and will then visit some RSNs.</p> <p>The MHD has overpaid the RSNs collectively by \$6.5 million in state funds. They have proposed the option of the RSN paying a one lump sum (Clark County would pay \$198,620) or a monthly payment plan. The RSN's have asked for a detailed explanation of how this occurred and possibly for an outside entity to investigate.</p> <p>Aging and Adult Services is holding a public hearing on August 31 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at American Legion Post 14, 4607 NE St. James Rd. Topics include residential options, licensing, and WAC requirements.</p> <p>We have received the latest contract amendment from the MHD. It was back-dated to August 1, 2003 raising some questions on liability for parts of the agreement that the RSN's were not aware of. Also in the contract is a provision for the state to hire an independent audit firm to visit the RSN's in late December and determine what savings remain.</p>		<p>Tom Stallone will attend the public meeting on August 31 held by Aging and Adult Services.</p>
II. B. Quality Manager's Report	<p>The Quality Management Committee met on August 4. Sela distributed and reviewed a Quality Improvement Work Plan Indicator Report for April, 2004.</p> <p>Preparations are underway for the External Quality Review Organization (APS Healthcare) audit to take place October 12, 13, and 14, 2004. This is required under the BBA for managed care for Medicaid. All CCRSN Policies and Procedures are being reviewed to compare against all federal and state requirements. A special Provider Meeting will be held on September 8 to distribute and review the revised Policies and Procedures. The Quality Management program will also be reviewed and updated.</p> <p>A CMS review of the state of Washington is currently taking place. We have asked Kathy Bolmer to provide consultation and training in preparation for a CMS review.</p>	Sela Barker	
II. C. Data Report	<p>Jerry distributed and reviewed the RSN/Provider Performance Reports through June, 2004. Performance levels did not falter during the implementation stage of the new data system. Five more agencies have been added to the Rural Consortium</p>	Jerry Dolezal	

	<p>reducing costs by 30%.</p> <p>Agencies will start moving towards using electronic medical records in October. The goal for full implementation is July 1, 2005, when the contract with the software vendor ends.</p>		
III. MHAB Sub-Committee Reports	<p>Committee assignments were reviewed. There are several openings for members to fill.</p> <p>Membership Committee – Pat McConnaughey has resigned from the board effective immediately. There are 4 vacancies on the board, two of which are for SAAB members. The Vice Chair position is vacant. There is also a vacancy on the SAAB for a MHAB member. A recruitment notice has gone out to the public.</p> <p>Quality Review Team – The Policies and Procedures for the QRT were reviewed by the board. Christine Pienkowski was recommended as a QRT member.</p> <p>Cultural Competency - Bob attended the 4th Annual Mental Health Specialist Forum in Toppenish last week. The Cultural Competency Committee is addressing the need of providing for technical assistance in the areas of documentation, assessment, and usage of cultural specialists. Providers prefer on-site, lunch-hour training time. Hank Balderama from the MHD is willing to provide technical assistance in developing a local pool of specialists.</p>	<p>David Weniger</p> <p>David Weniger</p> <p>Bob Fizzell</p> <p>Bob Fizzell</p>	<p>Judi Borchers volunteered for the Recovery Vision sub-committee.</p> <p>The QRT Policies and Procedures were adopted by the MHAB.</p> <p>Christine Pienkowski was approved by the MHAB as a member of the QRT.</p>
VI. Public Input	<p>The Washington Institute for Mental Illness Research and Training is sponsoring a 2004 Leadership Academy on September 27 – 29, 2004 in Tacoma, WA. There is no cost to the participant.</p> <p>The Wellness Project remodel has begun. Clients have been scheduled. The open house is scheduled for September 15. Carol invited the MHAB to hold a meeting at the Wellness Project location.</p> <p>Warm Line – For the next two weeks, Judi will be assisting CVAB in moving to the new location.</p>	<p>Bob Fizzell</p> <p>Carol Gross</p> <p>Judi Borchers</p>	<p>The MHAB meeting on September 29 will be held at the Wellness Project.</p>

VII. Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.	David Weniger	
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